Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

The Partners Program **provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners** and Tribes who are willing to work with us and other partners on a voluntary basis to help meet the habitat needs of migratory birds, inter-jurisdictional fish, Federally-listed endangered, threatened or other declining or imperiled species.

The Partners Program **can assist with projects in all habitat types** which conserve or restore native vegetation, hydrology, and soils associated with imperiled ecosystems such as oak woodlands, native grasslands, marshes, ponds, rivers and streams, or otherwise provide an important habitat requisite for a rare, declining or protected species.

The Partners Program's **locally-based field biologists** work one-on-one with landowners and other partners to plan, implement, and monitor their projects. Partners Program field staff help landowners find other sources of funding and help them through the permitting process, as necessary. This personal attention and follow-through is a significant strength of the Program that has led to national recognition and wide support.

The Partners Program was established within the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1987 with a core group of biologists and a small budget for on-the-ground wetland restoration projects on non-state, non-federal lands. This successful, results-oriented program has garnered support through the years and has grown into a larger and more diversified habitat restoration program assisting thousands of landowners across the Nation. Celebrating its 20th anniversary, in October 3, 2006 Congress unanimously approved and the President signed the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act.

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